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Minutes, May 5, 2010

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meeting – Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Arlington Town Hall

730 Mass. Ave., Arlington, Ma. 02476

Present: Ann LeRoyer, chair; David White, Conservation Committee; Lisa Decker, Planning Board; Joey Glushko, Planning Department; Patsy Kraemer, citizen; Elizabeth Karpati, Vision 2020.

Chairman Ann LeRoyer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes – prepared by Elizabeth Karpati. Approved. – motion by Joey, seconded by Lisa.

Ann reported that there were about 10 people on each tour of the Mill Brook.

Patsy gave an overview of the draft management plans for the Town Hall gardens and the Old Burying Grounds.

We will discuss in the fall the utilization of these management plans and the timeline for updating them. We will also discuss what sites to focus on for new/updated plans.

Mill Brook – Ann reported that we will want to meet with the ARB at some point about this project. The committee discussed the potential advocacy role we have in keeping developers and committees aware of the Mill Brook proposal for various areas along the stream.

We are down to the last copy of the Mill Brook report. We will have to decide whether to reprint at some point.

David announced that there is a Cooke's Hollow public meeting on Thursday, May 13, 7:30 pm in Town Hall auditorium.

David also announced that there will be restoration work done at Great Meadows in the fall. Volunteers will be used for the labor.

Joey reported that Joe Connelly from Recreation has said that he will post volunteer projects. That will allow various groups to be aware of what work is available to help the community.

Ann reported that Busa Farms is open again for business. They have some limited supply of fruit and vegetables and some garden supplies.

Patsy reported that the Farmers' Market will open June 9th. The hours will be 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

The Spy Pond clean-up is this coming week-end. The Garden Club plant sale also is this Saturday morning.

Next meeting will be June 2nd – the time will be announced later. We will look at our action items in the Open Space plan to see what we should be addressing.